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DRY BEAN PRODUCTION IN 1966 DOWN IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES

The 1966 bean output in 33 reporting countries, including the United States, is currently estimated at 112.4 million cwt., down 7 percent from the 120.7 million cwt. reported for these same countries last year.

Estimates are not yet available for Communist areas and a number of African countries. Probably 20 to 30 million cwt. remain unreported.

The total production reported for the 33 countries revealed some substantial changes in several of the larger producing areas. These changes have had, and may continue to have significant impact on international bean trade in 1966-67. The three current largest dry bean producers are Brazil, Mexico, and the United States.

Brazil, the world's largest bean producer, has an estimated production of 34 million cwt. in 1966, down 32 percent or 16 million cwt. from last year. Brazil began in July to import beans from Mexico. This trade had reached 1.3 million cwt. at the end of November, probably the largest bean imports in Brazilian history.

Mexico, currently the second largest producer, produced 5 percent more beans in 1966 than in 1965 and 37 percent more than the 1960-64 average. Until recently Mexico was a net importer of beans, principally from the United States. However, Mexico during the past two years has emerged as a significant bean exporter. During the last two seasons Mexican black beans have gone to Venezuela in competition with United States beans.



The United States was the world's third largest producer in 1966 with 20.3 million cwt., up 3.8 cwt., or 23 percent from the previous year; with an exportable supply of possibly 3.5 million cwt. U.S. beans have been moving into export at near record volume following the 1966 harvest. Shipping facilities for beans in the Great Lakes were booked to capacity until the winter closing of the St. Lawrence Seaway. Export movement of white beans has also been good from Western States.

BEANS, DRY EDIBLE ^{1/}: Acreage, yield and production in specified countries, average 1960-64, annual 1965 and 1966

Continent and country	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average			Average			Average		
	1960-64	1965	1966 ^{2/}	1960-64	1965	1966	1960-64	1965	1966 ^{2/}
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
North America:									
Canada	68	86	91	1,248	1,386	1,320	849	1,192	1,196
Costa Rica	113	113	116	333	265	265	375	299	307
Dominican Republic ..	49	53	55	990	945	945	486	500	520
El Salvador	61	58	58	477	628	628	291	365	365
Guatemala	140	151	220	797	586	506	762	883	1,114
Honduras	237	267	268	394	406	420	934	1,084	1,128
Mexico	4,133	5,189	5,436	367	384	384	15,176	19,908	20,830
Nicaragua	108	123	127	620	661	661	668	816	838
Panama Republic	52	54	62	238	263	275	124	144	170
United States	1,397	1,484	1,519	1,323	1,109	1,334	18,476	16,457	20,271
Total	6,358	7,578	7,952	600	550	588	38,141	41,648	46,739
South America:									
Argentina	69	93	90	936	908	913	646	844	822
Brazil	6,904	8,085	8,646	580	624	398	40,036	50,481	34,369
Chile	227	214	211	875	765	1,052	1,987	1,639	2,216
Colombia	262	257	251	497	446	440	1,301	1,147	1,102
Peru	102	108	115	883	756	805	901	816	926
Venezuela	237	230	312	443	398	381	1,049	916	1,190
Total	7,801	8,987	9,625	589	621	422	45,920	55,843	40,625
Europe:									
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	1	1	1	2,213	1,589	1,962	21	23	20
France	190	127	180	935	979	930	1,777	1,246	1,764
Germany, West	4	4	4	1,861	1,965	1,965	80	71	71
Greece	124	121	120 ^{3/}	1,014 ^{3/}	1,064 ^{3/}	1,173	1,259	1,284	1,409
Italy	845	695	665	488	516	600	4,125	3,587	3,988
Netherlands	7	9	9	2,388	1,725	1,963	168	156	183
Portugal	1,014	1,063	1,087	132	97	114	1,337	1,036	1,235
Spain	258	242	242	1,140	1,074	1,092	2,937	2,601	2,646
Sweden	3	2	2	634	1,517	1,359	42	34	29
Yugoslavia	530	464	490 ^{3/}	757 ^{3/}	812 ^{3/}	990	4,014	3,770	4,850
Total	2,976	2,728	2,800	535	507	579	15,760	13,808	16,195
Asia:									
Japan	220	228	235	1,175	1,300	957	2,586	2,963	2,249
Lebanon	4	4	4	1,047	1,323	1,323	39	53	53
Syria	3	4	4	931	781	781	32	31	31
Turkey	281	278	290	1,084	1,125	1,080	3,046	3,131	3,131
Total	508	514	533	1,126	1,202	1,025	5,703	6,178	5,464
Africa:									
Angola	190	295	295	410	450	450	775	1,323	1,400
Malagasy Republic ...	107	138	138	780	783	796	838	1,080	1,099
South Africa-Rep. of.	200	170	175	500	500	500	1,016	844	882
Total	497	603	608	529	538	556	2,629	3,247	3,381
Grand Total	18,140	20,410	21,518	596	591	522	108,153	120,724	112,404

^{1/} Includes generally all beans of the species "phaseolus vulgaris" (haricot or kidney-shaped beans) and "phaseolus lunatus" (lima beans). ^{2/} Preliminary. ^{3/} For non-interplanted acreage.

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